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a. Karl Marxstrasse Kaserne, according to local residents, is held by about 2,000 men; the same informants stated that more than 100 tanks arrived during November 1949, but that half of them departed prior to Christmas 1949.

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b. Approximately 800 young troops were seen exercising on the PUT-
LITZ road, between PARCIN and SLATE (T74) on each observation day.
Some groups consisted of one officer, two NCO's, and 24-25 EM; others
consisted of one NCO and nine EM. The former employed three light MG's
each, the latter one heavy MG.

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c. Four T-34/85 tanks and one JS-1 were being repaired in the barracks yard. Two more T-34/85's [redacted] proceeded to the firing range near SLATE [redacted]

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2. LUDWIGSLUST (T53).

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a. Local residents allege that tanks formerly housed at a barracks on the Marstallstrasse have been shifted to PERLEBERG (T70) and WITTEBERGE (Y69). All vehicle sheds on the GRABOW road were open and empty, and at the barracks itself [] only one officer, one NCO, and eight ~~EM~~ training. Troops wore black shoulder straps/red piping, some with armored insignia.

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b. Hangars at JUDENIGSLUST airfield were closed and guarded. According to a field workman, a tank regiment is still on hand although its strength has been reduced from approximately 1,000 to 600 men since autumn 1949. Some EM were training with machine pistols on the field.

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